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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4239

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, AFIN, AORG, PORG, LA

SUBJ: ICC LAOS

REF: STATE 136833 (NOTAL)

1. INDIAN DELEGATION IS SHRINKING BY ATTRITION, AND VACANCIES IN SECRETARIAT AND INDIAN DELEGATION LOCAL STAFFS (MOST OF WHOM, ABOVE MESSENGER RANK, ARE MEMBERS OF LOCAL INDIAN COMMUNITY) ARE NOT BEING FILLED. HOWEVER, INDIANS ARE STILL HANGING AROUND ON BASIS THAT BOTH PARTIES TO COALITION WANTED THEM TO STAY (ARTICLE XII OF VIENTIANE AGREEMENT), EVEN THOUGH PGNU HAS MADE NO REQUESTS OF ICC SINCE LAST AUTUMN WHEN ICC WAS ASKED TO OBSERVE PRISONER EXCHANGE.

2. NEW POLISH DELEGATION (TADEUSZ KOHOREWICZ) IN CALL ON  
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CHARGE THIS WEEK MADE CLEAR ICC HAD NO WORK, AND COULD

SERVE NO VISIBLE FUNCTION IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, NO ONE WAS WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE FOR ITS TERMINATION; IT WAS REALLY A METTER FOR THE CO-CHAIRMEN AND THE PGNU. (INDIANS HAVE SINCE TOLD US THAT SECOND-RANKING POLE, WHO LEAVES LATER THIS MONTH, WILL NOT BE REPLACED.

3. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT ICC/LAOS HAS NO REAL FUTURE UTILITY; THE WAR IS OVER, THE LPF IS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL, THE FORCES ARMEES ROYALES ARE SUBDUED, AND THERE IS NO CREDIBLE THREAT OF FURTHER CONFLICT. ICC PROBABLY CANNOT SURVIVE TERMINATION OF U.S. SHARE OF ITS PRESENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, FOR TACTICAL REASONS IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF LEAD IN DISESTABLISHING ICC/LAOS COULD COME FROM ELSEWHERE, SO AS TO AVOID CREATING APPEARANCE THAT USG WAS "UNDERCUTTING" PGNU FROM THIS ANGLE AS ACT OF RETALIATION FOR PGNU TREATMENT OF USAID AND HARASSMENT OF MISSION. THE OBVIOUS CANDIDATE TO INITIATE TERMINATION IS UK AS THE FRIENDLY CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PLANT THE BEE IN BRITISH BONNET. LOGICAL TARGET DATE FOR PHASE-OUT WOULD BE DECEMBER 31, 1975, WHICH IS END OF ICC'S CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND WHICH WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ORDERLY TERMINATION.

4. WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY AS MUCH OF THE REMAINDER OF ITS CY 1975 SHARE OF FINANCES AS IS NECESSARY TO FINANCE CLOSE-OUT. (OUR 1975 SHARE IS 47,396 POUNDS STERLING, AND WE HAVE SO FAR PAID IN DOLLARS 50,000.) ACCOUNTS MENTIONED REFTEL SHOULD THEREFORE BE KEPT OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 31 FOR THIS PURPOSE. CHAPMAN

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